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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF

ADAPTIVELY MANAGING BANDWIDTH ON

OPTICAL LINKS SHARED BY MULTIPLE

SERVICES USING VIRTUAL

CONCATENATION AND LINK CAPACITY

ADJUSTMENT SCHEMES

Attorney Docket No.: NOR-036

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 7, 2007 in the above-identified application. Accompanying this paper is a Petition for a one-month extension of time extending the time for response up to and including September 7, 2007. Please apply any fees occasioned by this paper, or credits due in this case, to Deposit Account 50-2295.

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